THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Only mechanical vessels upto 10,000 DWT, including fishing trawlers, are eligible for automatic approval for foreign collaboration by the Reserve Bank of India.

In addition to above, imported designs are now permitetd without any restrictions under EXIM policy and the permission of the Government is not needed for obtaining the services of foreign experts as per the Reserve Bank of India guidelines.

(b) The existing technology available with the Shipyards in the country is not adequate to meet the changing scenerio in the Shipbuilding technology the world-over. The liberalisation of the policy has been done to simplify the procedure to bring in latest technology for the benefit of the shipbuilding industry in the country.

Encouragement to exporters by the Vishkhapatnam Port Trust

2247. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Port Trust has recently announced a scheme for allotment of land to encourage exports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that this scheme is suitable for large exporters and large industry only ;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to encourage medium enterpreneurs and exporters ;

(e) whether the VPT proposes any scheme to encourage small and medium mineral exporters of Andhra Pradesh ; and

(f) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to encourage such exporters from Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has identified about 800 acres of land for leasing to Port based industries to promote exports & imports.

(c) No, Sir. The scheme cover medium & small scale industries provided they can make available to the Port a minimum guarnteed export traffic.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As stated above the scheme is for promotion of medium & small scale industries subject to certain conditions.

(f) Does not arise.

Construction of DTC shelters

2248. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of DTC shelters have been/are being constructed for commuters in Delhi and the existing shelters within a few feet of the new structure have been/are being demolished even though the existing structure were in good condition ;

(b) if so, the number of shelters constructed/being constructed this year and the number of nearby shelters demolished ; and

(c) the reasons for demolition of those shelters and the quantum of wasteful expenditure likely to be involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reconstruction of the Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust Board

2249. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) when the first Board of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, formerly have Nhava Sheva Port Trust, was constituted ;

(b) at what intervals it is required to be reconstituted under the provisions of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 ;

(c) what sections of people are to be represented on the Board and in what manner ;

(d) what were the reasons for which the Board has not been reconstituted as required under the law; and

(e) by when the next Board is likely to be constituted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The first Board of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust was constituted on 31.5.1982

(b) There is no time limit for the first Board to be reconstituted.

(c) In the reconstituted Board, besides Chairman & Deputy Chairman, Representatives/Elected Representatives may be appointed by the Government by Notification in official Gazette from amongst the following Sections :—

(i) Labour employed in the Port.
(ii) The Mercantile Marine.
(iii) Customs Department
(iv) Concerned State Governments.
(v) Defence Services.
(vi) Indian Railways.
(vii) Shipowners.
(viii) Owners of sailing vessels.
(ix) Shippers.
(x) Such other interests as in the opinion of the Central Government ought to be represented in the Board.

The maximum number of such trustees can be 19 in case of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and 17 in case of other Port Trusts.

(d) and (e) Does not arise since, the Mejor Port Trusts Act, 1963 does not impose any time limit for the first Board.

Criterion for accrual of funds under Central Road Fund

2250. SHRI SOM PAL :
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any uniform criterion for accrual of funds to various States under the Central Road Fund ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what is the share fixed for various States under this formula ;

(d) what had been the actual accruals under this scheme to different States during the last three years ;

(e) whether there are any arrears under this head ;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(g) by when these arrears are proposed to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Road Fund derives its revenue out of the levy on consumption of petrol in different States at the rate of 3·5 paise per litre as per Old Resolution. Since the consumption of petrol varies from State to State, the accruals for the various States under Central Road Fund also vary accordingly.

(d) to (g) The Parliament had adopted a Revised Resolution about augmentation of the Central Road